



Must Haves

- Primary veterinarian information
- Backup veterinarian information
- Poison Control phone number
- The closest after-hours emergency that sees birds information
- Bird diary hard copy (not electronic so you can take it with you to any vet)
- Gram scale (not pounds or oz)
- Nail clippers (cat version is best under the Dremel): Clean before and after use with a sanitizer
- Heat source (Sweeter Heater is our preferred heat source).
 https://www.sweeterheater.com/shop.
 Heating pads don't tell you what temps to expect and can burn your bird over 105 degrees.
- A towel of the appropriate size to the bird that only the bird uses and would recognize with no snags, or pulls. Should not be a looped pile of fabric as it will catch their sharp little nails.
- Temp/Humidity reader
- Pedialyte without flavoring.
- ICU room (you can buy one or make your own via a clean aquarium with a screened top) KEPT CLEAN AND READY TO GO! 11 x 11 x 12 inches; 8.5 Pounds. A car adapter for the plug can be ordered at Brinsea.
- Pen flashlight with backup batteries. https://a.co/d/bl1bihl
- Baby bird food is stored in the freezer and labeled with the date in a small container.
- Calcium, if you have a female, in liquid form: We use Morningbird
- Probiotics: We use Visbiome
- Last Will/Trust for you

• Should Haves

- Periodic close-up pictures of your bird
- Stand for training should be considered for the ability to see eye to eye, easy clean up, and ability to move easily. This is not meant for them to be on all day or entertain them while you are busy.
- Aloe water (George's is the only one that produces it)
- UV lights
- Air purifier: you can ask other completed adopters what they use and prefer.
- Cage door perch for training
- Coconut oil organic: We get the brand on sale from Costco
- Little Remedies saline for dry or crusty nares.
- Humidifier. Depending on the size of the room, home, and bird. They require at least 50% humidity. Your new temp reader will let you know what the humidity is normally and you can begin to adjust it.
- Environmental disinfectants such as Virkon tablets or F10.
- High-value reinforcer treats: we use shelled pine nuts or shelled almond slivers. You can use sunflowers shelled but break them up into little pieces.
- Pineapple juice in small cans not refrigerated



• Nice to have

- Dremel with carbide steel bits for larger birds or bird beaks.
- Ceramic blow dryer (off-gassed) for drying after showers
- Labeled airtight food and nut containers washed before the next refill.
- High heat disinfection unit
- First Aid Items
 - Magnifying glass
 - Scissors with guards
 - Tweezers
 - Cornstarch or Quik Stop (use QS on nails only as it can burn skin)
 - Scalpel blades and handles
 - Turkey baster
 - Eye dropper
 - Syringes of various sizes based on your bird's size
 - Lubricants such as mineral oil or KY Jelly (without spermicide)
 - Cotton swabs (short pointy swabs) (not the cheap kind where the cotton comes off too easily)
 - Clean cloths and/or paper toweling
 - Disposable gloves for you and your assistant
 - Pediatric stethoscope
 - Needle-nose pliers or hemostats
 - Wire cutters
 - Net if you have littles



- Bandaging Materials
 - Square gauze of various sizes some sterile
 - Non-stick pads
 - First aid tape both paper (easily comes off of skin and feathers, or use masking tape) and adhesive types
 - Bandage rolls gauze and Vetwrap in colors
 - Wooden sticks of various sizes for splints and spread medicine - tongue depressors, Popsicle sticks, toothpicks
 - Stockinette
 - Band-Aids (for humans)

